

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order 08-78, filed 4/18/08,
effective 5/19/08)

**WAC 232-28-352 ((2006-2008)) 2009-2011 Elk general seasons
and definitions.**

Bag Limit: One (1) elk per hunter during the license year except where otherwise permitted by fish and wildlife commission rule. Any combination of seasons, tags, and permits set by the fish and wildlife commission will not exceed a maximum of two (2) elk per hunter during the license year.

Hunting Method: Elk hunters must select only one of the hunting methods (modern firearm, archery, or muzzleloader).

Elk Tag Areas: Elk hunters must choose either Eastern or Western Washington to hunt in and buy the appropriate tag for that area.

Any Bull Elk Seasons: Open only to the taking of elk with visible antlers (bull calves are illegal).

Antler Point: To qualify as an antler point, the point must be at least one inch long measured on the longest side.

Branch: A branch is defined as any projection off the main antler beam that is at least one inch long, measured on the longest side, and longer than it is wide.

Spike Bull Antler Restrictions: Bull elk taken in spike only

GMUs must have at least one antler with ~~((only one antler point above the ear. An animal with more than one antler point above the ears on both antlers is illegal))~~ no branches originating more than four inches above where the antler attaches to the skull.

Spike Only GMUs: 145-154, 162-186, 249, ~~((251, 328, 329,))~~ and ~~((335))~~ 336-368.

True Spike--Bull Antler Restrictions: Bull elk taken in these units must have both antlers with no branching originating more than four inches above where the antlers attach to the skull. Under the true spike restriction, the taking of an elk that has two points on one side or has antler points within one inch of the definitions regarding length of point, or point of origination is an infraction under RCW 7.84.030. All other types of violations of the true spike restriction are subject to current penalties and assessments.

True Spike GMUs: 251, 328-335.

3 Point Antler Restrictions: Legal bull elk must have at least 3 antler points on one side with at least 2 antler points above the ear. Eye guards are antler points when they are at least one inch long. Antler restrictions apply to all hunters during any open season.

3 Point GMUs: All of Western Washington except for GMUs 454, 564, 568, 574, 578, 652 for archers, 666, 684, and Elk Area 4941.

Permit Only Units: The following GMUs are closed during general

seasons: 157, 371, 418, 485, 522, 524, 556, 621, 636, 653, and Elk Area 3068.

GMUs Closed to Elk Hunting: 437 (except for Elk Area 4941)((~~7~~ and ~~490~~)).

Elk Tag Areas

Eastern Washington: All 100, 200, and 300 GMUs except permit only for all hunters in GMUs 157 and 371. Modern firearms are restricted in GMU 334.

EA - Eastern Washington Archery Tag

EF - Eastern Washington Modern Firearm General Elk Tag

EM - Eastern Washington Muzzleloader Tag

Western Washington: All 400, 500, and 600 GMUs except closed in GMU(~~s—418,~~) 437 (except for Elk Area 4941), (~~(490,~~) and modern firearm restrictions in portions of GMU 660. GMU 554 is open only for early archery and muzzleloader seasons. Elk Area 6064 in GMU 638 (Quinault) is open to master hunters only. Elk hunting by permit only in GMUs 418, 485, 522, 524, 556, 621, and 636.

WA - Western Washington Archery Tag

WF - Western Washington Modern Firearm General Elk Tag

WM - Western Washington Muzzleloader Tag

Modern Firearm General Elk Seasons

License Required: A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

Tag Required: Valid modern firearm elk tag as listed below on his/her person for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: May use modern firearm, bow and arrow, or muzzleloader, but only during modern firearm seasons.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	((2006)) 2009 Dates	((2007)) 2010 Dates	((2008)) 2011 Dates	Legal Elk
Eastern Washington	EF	111, 113, 117	((Oct. 28 - Nov. 5)) Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 7	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 2)) Oct. 29 - Nov. 6	Any bull
		145 through 154, 162 through 186, 249, ((251, 328, 329, 335)) 336 through 368	((Oct. 28 - Nov. 5)) Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 7	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 2)) Oct. 29 - Nov. 6	Spike bull
		251, 328, 329, 330, 334, 335	Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	Oct. 30 - Nov. 7	Oct. 29 - Nov. 6	True spike bull
		Elk Area 3722*	Sept. 9-22	Sept. 8-21	Sept. 6-19	Antlerless
		101, 105, 108, 121, 124 through 142, 372, 382, 388	((Oct. 28 - Nov. 5)) Oct. 31 - Nov. 8	((Oct. 27 - Nov. 4)) Oct. 30 - Nov. 7	((Oct. 25 - Nov. 2)) Oct. 29 - Nov. 6	Any elk
		127-142 master hunters only	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Any elk
		203 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 373, 379, 381 ((except closed within 1/2 mile of the Columbia River in Douglas and Grant counties))	Oct. ((28)) 31 - Nov. 15	Oct. ((27)) 30 - Nov. 15	Oct. ((25)) 29 - Nov. 15	Any elk
		Elk Area 2033	Sept. 8 - Oct. 2	Sept. 7 - Oct. 1	Sept. 6-30	Antlerless only
		371, Elk Areas 3911 and 3912 master hunters only	Aug. 1 - Jan. ((30)) 20, 2010	Aug. 1 - Jan. ((30)) 20, 2011	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, ((2009)) 2012	Antlerless only
		Elk Area 3911** master hunters only, 2nd tag	Aug. 1 - Oct. 25	Aug. 1 - Oct. 24	Aug. 1 - Oct. ((24)) 23	Antlerless only
*GMU 372 and Elk Area 3722 are mainly private property, hunters are not advised to try hunting these areas without making prior arrangements for access. **Master Hunters who hunt in Elk Area 3911 may purchase a master hunter, Elk Area 3911, second elk transport tag. Any legal weapon may be used. Master hunter, Elk Area 3911 second elk transport tags will be valid only for Elk Area 3911 from August 1 - October ((24)) 25, 2009, August 1 - October 24, 2010, and August 1 - October 23, 2011. All hunters participating in the Elk Area 3911 hunt must wear hunter orange.						
Western Washington	WF	407, 448, 460, 466, 503, 505 through 520, 530, 550, 560, 572, 601 through 618, 624 (except for Elk Area 6071), 627 through 633, 638 through 652, 654 through 684. Except master hunters only in Elk Area 6064.	Nov. ((4-13)) 7-17	Nov. ((3-12)) 6-16	Nov. ((4-10)) 5-15	3 pt. min.
		501, 504	Nov. ((4-13)) 7-17	Nov. ((3-12)) 6-16	Nov. ((4-10)) 5-15	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		564, 568, 574 through 578, 666	Nov. ((4-13)) 7-17	Nov. ((3-12)) 6-16	Nov. ((4-10)) 5-15	Any elk
		454	Nov. ((4-13)) 7-17	Nov. ((3-12)) 6-16	Nov. ((4-10)) 5-15	Any bull

Archery General Elk Seasons

License Required: A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

Tag Required: Valid archery elk tag as listed below on his/her person for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Bow and arrow only as defined by WAC 232-12-054.

Special Notes: Archery tag holders can hunt only during archery seasons and must hunt with archery equipment (WAC 232-12-054). Archery elk hunters may apply for special bull permits. Please see permit table for tag eligibility for all elk permits.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	((2006)) 2009 Dates	((2007)) 2010 Dates	((2008)) 2011 Dates	Legal Elk
Early Archery <u>General</u> Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EA	101 through 142, 243, 247, 249, 250, <u>373, 379, 381, 388</u>	Sept. 8-((24)) <u>20</u>	Sept. ((8-24)) <u>7-19</u>	Sept. ((8-24)) <u>6-18</u>	Any elk
		145, 162, 166 through 172, 181, 186((328, 329, 335))	Sept. 8-((24)) <u>20</u>	Sept. ((8-24)) <u>7-19</u>	Sept. ((8-24)) <u>6-18</u>	Spike bull
		<u>328, 329, 335</u>				<u>True spike bull</u>
		149, 154, Elk Area 1010, Elk Area 1013, 163, 175, 178, 330, 334, 336, 340, 352, 356, 364	Sept. 8-((24)) <u>20</u>	Sept. ((8-24)) <u>7-19</u>	Sept. ((8-24)) <u>6-18</u>	Spike bull or antlerless
Western Washington	WA	454, 564, 568, 574, 578, 652, 666	Sept. 8-((24)) <u>20</u>	Sept. ((8-24)) <u>7-19</u>	Sept. ((8-24)) <u>6-18</u>	Any elk
		407, 448, 501 through 505, 520, 550, 554, 560, 572, 624, except for Elk Area 6071, Elk Area 6061, 654, 660, ((663)) 667 through 673, <u>681</u> , 684, and 699	Sept. 8-((24)) <u>20</u>	Sept. ((8-24)) <u>7-19</u>	Sept. ((8-24)) <u>6-18</u>	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		460, 466, 506, 510, 513, 516, 530, 601, 602, 603, 607, 612 through 618, 627, 633, 638 through 648, 651, 658, and ((684)) <u>663</u> . Master hunters only in Elk Area 6064	Sept. 8-((24)) <u>20</u>	Sept. ((8-24)) <u>7-19</u>	Sept. ((8-24)) <u>6-18</u>	3 pt. min.
		Elk Area 4941	Oct. 1-31	Oct. 1-31	Oct. 1-31	Any elk
Late Archery <u>General</u> Elk Seasons						

Eastern Washington	EA	101, 105, 108, 117 through 127, 373 , 388	Nov. ((20)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 8	Nov. ((20)) <u>24</u> - Dec. 8	Nov. ((20)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	Any elk
		178	Nov. ((20)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 8	Nov. ((20)) <u>24</u> - Dec. 8	Nov. ((20)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	Antlerless only
		127-142 master hunters only. Must wear hunter orange.	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Any elk
		Elk Area 1010, 163	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30	Dec. 9 - Jan. 30	Dec. 9 - Jan. 20, 2009	Antlerless only
		203 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 373, 379, 381 ((except closed within 1/2 mile of the Columbia River in Douglas and Grant counties)) . Must wear hunter orange.	Oct. ((28)) <u>31</u> - Nov. 15	Oct. ((27)) <u>30</u> - Nov. 15	Oct. ((25)) <u>29</u> - Nov. 15	Any elk
		371, Elk Areas 3911 and 3912 master hunters only. Must wear hunter orange.	Aug. 1 - Jan. ((30)) <u>20, 2010</u>	Aug. 1 - Jan. ((30)) <u>20, 2011</u>	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20, ((2009)) <u>2012</u>	Antlerless only
		Elk Area 3911* master hunters only, 2nd tag. Must wear hunter orange.	<u>Aug. 1 - Oct. 25</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Oct. 24</u>	Aug. 1 - Oct. ((24)) <u>23</u>	Antlerless only
		328	Nov. ((20)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 8	Nov. ((20)) <u>24</u> - Dec. 8	Nov. ((20)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	<u>True spike bull</u>
		<u>335</u>	<u>Nov. 25 - Dec. 8</u>	<u>Nov. 24 - Dec. 8</u>	<u>Nov. 23 - Dec. 8</u>	<u>True spike bull or antlerless</u>
		((335,)) 336, 346, 352, 364, Elk Area 3681	Nov. ((20)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 8	Nov. ((20)) <u>24</u> - Dec. 8	Nov. ((20)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	Spike bull or antlerless
Western Washington	WA	407, 503, 505, 648, 667, 672, 681, ((Elk Area 6066 in GMU 660,)) and 699. ((Elk Area 6064, except)) Master hunters only in Elk Area 6064 ((in)) <u>portion of GMU 638</u>	Nov. ((22)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 15	Nov. ((24)) <u>24</u> - Dec. 15	Nov. ((49)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 15	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		454, 564, 666	Nov. ((22)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 15	Nov. ((24)) <u>24</u> - Dec. 15	Nov. ((49)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 15	Any elk
		603, 612, 615, 638	Nov. ((22)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 15	Nov. ((24)) <u>24</u> - Dec. 15	Nov. ((49)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 15	3 pt. min.
		506, <u>520</u> , 530	Nov. ((22)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 7	Nov. ((24)) <u>24</u> - Dec. 7	Nov. ((49)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 7	((3 pt. min. or)) Antlerless
		((520		Nov. 21 - Dec. 15	Nov. 19 - Dec. 15	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		506, 530	Dec. 8-15	Dec. 8-15	Dec. 8-15	3 pt. min.))
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Muzzleloader General Elk Seasons

License Required: A valid big game hunting license with an elk tag option.

Tag Required: Valid muzzleloader elk tag as listed below on his/her person for the area hunted.

Hunting Method: Muzzleloader only as defined by WAC 232-12-051.

Special Notes: Muzzleloader tag holders can only hunt during the muzzleloader seasons and must hunt with muzzleloader equipment. Only hunters with tags identified in the Special Elk Permits tables may apply for special elk permits.

Hunt Area	Elk Tag Area	Game Management Units (GMUs)	((2006)) <u>2009</u> Dates	((2007)) <u>2010</u> Dates	((2008)) <u>2011</u> Dates	Legal Elk
Early Muzzleloader <u>General</u> Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EM	111, 113, 117, 247	Oct. ((7-13)) <u>3-9</u>	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>2-8</u>	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>1-7</u>	Any bull
		101 through 108, 121 through 142, 250	Oct. ((7-13)) <u>3-9</u>	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>2-8</u>	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>1-7</u>	Any elk
		172, 245, Elk Area 2051, ((335)) <u>336</u> through 342, 352 through 360, 368	Oct. ((7-13)) <u>3-9</u>	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>2-8</u>	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>1-7</u>	Spike bull
		<u>335</u>	<u>Oct. 3-9</u>	<u>Oct. 2-8</u>	<u>Oct. 1-7</u>	<u>True spike bull</u>
Western Washington	WM	454, 564, 568, 574, 578, 666, 684	Oct. ((7-13)) <u>3-9</u>	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>2-8</u>	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>1-7</u>	Any elk
		460, ((504,)) 513, 530, 554, 602, 603, 607, ((658,)) <u>627</u> , <u>633, 638 except Elk Area 6064, 642, 660, 663, 672</u>	Oct. ((7-13)) <u>3-9</u>	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>2-8</u>	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>1-7</u>	3 pt. min.
		501, 503, <u>504</u> , 652, 654, 663, 667	Oct. ((7-13)) <u>3-9</u>	Oct. ((6-12)) <u>2-8</u>	Oct. ((4-10)) <u>1-7</u>	3 pt. min. or antlerless
Late Muzzleloader <u>General</u> Elk Seasons						
Eastern Washington	EM	130 through 142	Nov. ((20)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 8	Nov. ((20)) <u>24</u> - Dec. 8	Nov. ((20)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	Any elk
		127-142 master hunters only. Must wear hunter orange.	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Dec. 9-31	Any elk
		203 through 248, 250, 254 through 290, 373, 379, 381. ((except closed within 1/2 mile of the Columbia River in Douglas and Grant counties)) Must wear hunter orange.	Oct. ((28)) <u>31</u> - Nov. 15	Oct. ((27)) <u>30</u> - Nov. 15	Oct. ((25)) <u>29</u> - Nov. 15	Any elk
		371, Elk Areas 3911 and 3912 master hunters only. Must wear hunter orange.	Aug. 1 - Jan. ((30, 2007)) <u>20</u>	Aug. 1 - Jan. ((30, 2008)) <u>20</u>	Aug. 1 - Jan. 20 ((, 2009))	Antlerless only
		Elk Area 3911* master hunters only, 2nd tag. Must wear hunter orange.	<u>Aug. 1 - Oct. 25</u>	<u>Aug. 1 - Oct. 24</u>	Aug. 1 - Oct. ((24)) <u>23</u>	Antlerless only
Western Washington	WM	Elk Area 4941	Nov. 1 ((-Jan. 30, 2007))-30	Nov. 1 ((-Jan. 30, 2008))-30	Nov. 1 ((-Jan. 20, 2009))-30	Any elk
		501, 503, <u>504</u> , 505, 652	Nov. ((22)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 8	Nov. ((24)) <u>24</u> - Dec. 8	Nov. ((49)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 8	3 pt. min. or antlerless
		454, 564, 568, 666, 684	Nov. ((22)) <u>25</u> - Dec. 15	Nov. ((24)) <u>24</u> - Dec. 15	Nov. ((49)) <u>23</u> - Dec. 15	Any elk

	574, 578	Nov. ((22-30)) 25 - Dec. 8	Nov. ((21-30)) 24 - Dec. 8	Nov. ((19-30)) 23 - Dec. 8	Any elk
	((504,)) 550, 601, 618, 658, 667	((Nov. 22--)) Dec. 1-15	((Nov. 21--)) Dec. 1-15	((Nov. 19--)) Dec. 1- 15	3 pt. min.
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